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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5350

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: MAILED THREAT AGAINST EMBASSY PERSONNEL

1. ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 20, 1976, THE RSO RECEIVED A
THREAT IN THE MAIL AGAINST CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE
EMBASSY WRITEN

IN SPANISH, THE COMUNICADO WAS A COPY OF AN ORIGINAL
AND ACROSS THE BOTTOM WAS TYPED THE FULL NAME OF THE ERP.
THE LIST GAVE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE UNTIL APRIL 30 TO LEAVE
THE COUNTRY BEFORE A CAMPAIGN OF ATTACKS WOULD BEGIN AGAINST
THEM: (NOTE: ORGANIZATION CODES WERE NOT ON ORIGINAL BUT
ADDED FYI:

GAMBLE LABATT DIGIOVANNI POL R

SCHERRER LEGATT COUGHLIN DAO

BEAL ECON STAMER DAO

SMOCK (POLR) PHILLIPS DEA

HOLTS (POLR) COLMAN (POLR)

ZAMBITO POL SCHEID (POLR)

GRACEY MILGP O'BRIEN USIS

LEWEDAG MILGP BOHACH DAO

J/SMITH MILGP WILCOX SCIATT

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THE ACCUSED WERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE COMUNICADO
BY PLACING THIS AD IN THE LA OPINION NEWSPAPER:

VENDO

LANCHA DELTA 39

LABARDEN 422 - SAN ISIDRO

THE DOCUMENT WAS NOT SIGNED AT THE BOTTOM.

2. AFTER INFORMING THE DCM, THE SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE (SWC) WAS CALLED INTO SESSION. IT WAS POINTED OUT BY THE SWC THAT THE DOCUMENT A. WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT A TRUE ERP DOCUMENT, B. MAY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY A LOWER-RANKING MILITARY OFFICER, SUCH AS EMPLOYED BY BROWN SECURITY, THE EMBASSY'S CONTRACT GUARD SERVICE, C. MAY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY A DISGRUNTLED FORMER BROWN GUARD, D. WAS MOST LIKELY TAKEN FROM AN EMBASSY RADIO LIST-AS ALL NAMES WERE SPELLED CORRECTLY AND ALSO DELTA 39, THE AMBASSADOR'S CODE NAME, WAS USED, E. WAS TYPED ON TWO DIFFERENT TYPE-WRITERS, ONE FOR THE ENVELOPE AND ONE FOR THE COMUNICADO, SHOWED NO PATTERNS FROM THE LIST OF NAMES, AS FAR AS POSITION ON THE RADIO LIST OR LOCATION OF THEIR HOMES IN THE SUBURBS OR THE CITY. THE SWC DID NOT RECOMMEND ANY ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES, BUT REQUESTED SECTION CHIEFS TO NOTIFY THEIR PERSONNEL OF THE THREAT, ESPECIALLY THOSE PERSONS NAMED.

3. DR. CASTRO, HEAD OF BROWN SECURITY, WAS LATER SHOWN THE DOCUMENT. HE AGREED THE WRITER WAS NOT HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND WAS TRYING TO CAUSE WORRY AMONG EMBASSY STAFF AND BROWN SECURITY. HE SAID THAT WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF HIS GUARDS WAS THE AUTHOR HE DOUBTED THE POSSIBILITY. FYI HE HAS NOT BEEN RELUCTANT TO BLAME HIS OWN FORCE IN THE PAST SO HIS OPINION MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED AS BIASED AS IT WOULD ORDINARILY APPEAR. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

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